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Charged With Smuggling Opium. Iner Minnesota was arrested by customs inspectors today on a charge of smuggling opium. Cheethan, it is alleged, was passing the smuggled goods, also was arrested. He is the Great Northern.

MEETING OF CONGRESS.

IV—The House Employees.

By FREDERIC J. HASKIN.

While the duty of legislating in the House, as in the Senate, falls upon the shoulders of its members, a remarkable proportion of the detail work falls to the officers and employees of that body, and the House would be lost in legislative wilderness without its staff of aids. Scarcely a wheel of the legislative machinery could turn without them. In the main, the employees of the House hold their jobs during the ascendancy of the party controlling it. Of course, the majority of the attaches of committees remain as long as the chairmen who appoint them are in power. Likewise, many of the subordinate positions are held during the service of the member on whose recommendation the appointment was made. But as soon as that member drops out of Congress the employee, unless he has ingratiated himself with some other member, is seen no more.

There are a few men in the House whose work has been so valuable and so essential to the deliberations of that body that no sort of political vicissitudes will take their places from them. The most striking instance of this is the case of James C. Courtis, clerk to the committee on appropriations. The committee clerkships are nearly always the prerogative of the chairman, and he usually has a score of political lieutenants entitled to appointment as a sort of war. But here is the clerkship of the most powerful committee of the House in the hands of a dyed-in-the-wool democrat.

This position, however, cannot be filled satisfactorily by a newcomer. To make up the annual budget of a billion dollars and to have information concerning every penny of the proposed expenditure requires an acquaintance with things that can be acquired only through years of exacting work. Mr. Courtis possesses such an acquaintance and speakerships, chairmanships, and parties must come and go, but "Jim" Courtis still holds his job, rendering faithful service and efficient aid to financial legislation. Mr. Courtis is training his staff of co-workers in the same way, and the elevation of his former lieutenant, Kennedy Rea, to the clerkship of the Senate committee on appropriations is a testimonial to his success. Rea is also a democrat.

Another employee of the House who stays through party changes is Col. Charles H. Mann, the superintendent of the House press gallery. Like Superintendent Preston of the Senate press gallery, Charlie Mann has succeeded in making himself indispensable to the men who give to the world its review of affairs in Washington. Keeping track of all committee meetings, saving the newspaper men a thousand steps, and watching like a hawk at all times to see that the profane feet of the outsider never invade the sacred precincts of the press gallery, Col. Mann has so endeared himself to the newsmen that politics is not worth a hill of beans in determining whether he shall stay or go with the change in House control.

There is a position in which the democrats will have a chance to reciprocate when the House organizes next year. The chair of the House, Rev. Henry N. Couden, is blind. In the past the democrats, although in the minority always have brought out their candidate against him, but many of their number now believe they could elect a particularly gracious act by re-electing Rev. Couden although he is a straight-out republican. Dr. Couden is a sweet-voiced, kindly minister, and has endeared himself to all the members with whom he has come in contact.

Another employee who has made himself so useful that he has removed his position from the pale of party favor is W. A. Smith, known to everybody around the Capitol as "Andy" Smith. He is an employee of the government printing office and has charge of the Congressional Record office in the Capitol, but holds his position at the pleasure of the Senate and House. He knows more about the Congressional Record than the man who makes it and no employee of the entire Capitol is more popular.

The official reporters of debates in the House are not like those of the Senate, paid under contract, but are on the regular salary rolls of the House. Although prior to the recent increase of congressional salaries they were paid as much as a member of the Senate or House, their positions have never been deemed a spoil of political warfare. A man must be an expert stenographer to the House and one of these positions or that of official stenographer to a House committee.

With the above exceptions the employees of the House go the way of politics. The officers manage to hold their positions through-out the ascendancy of their party, since a party caucus almost uniformly reelects the old officers as long as it is in the majority. The principal positions, like that of clerk of the House, doorkeeper and postmaster, are desirable berths, since each carries with it a list of underappointees. The clerk is acting Speaker whenever there is a vacancy in that office. When democrats take control of the House next year their first pressing officer will be Alexander McDowell, clerk of the present House. The rules of the House that the clerk shall preside over the deliberations of the House until a Speaker is chosen. But no other business is in order until such a choice is made. There have been times when the clerk was an important factor in a situation from which he was to be eliminated the moment a Speaker was chosen.

There is considerable speculation as to what the attitude of the democratic House will be toward John B. Boobar, the republican librarian of the House. Boobar is another example of the fellow who does more than he needs. He was not librarian long before he discovered there was a need of an index to the speeches delivered in Congress. The Congressional Record, though satisfactory in the matter of locating the history of legislation, has been zero quantity so far as finding what was said, or when it was said, on any given subject. Boobar set to work and mapped out a card index system that would unlock the treasure house of congressional speeches to the world. This index is much used by members and is an invaluable aid in legislation.

A single example will show its advantages. A few weeks ago the railways security commission wanted a reduced to hours speech delivered in the Senate and House on the physical valuation of railroads. The Congressional Record index was gone through, the resources of the Library of Congress were exhausted and then the clerk, in desperation, called on a newspaper friend to aid him. The newspaper man cited him to Boobar's card index of Congress, and what otherwise would have been a labor of weeks became a task of a few hours.

The minority party in the House always is accorded a few places by the majority. There are certain employees whose special duty is to look after the minority members, and the minority caucus is given the privilege of choosing these. There are nearly 500 employees on the

House staff, and only about a dozen of these positions go to the minority. This dozen will likely be chosen out of the present majority appointees. One who is sure to be retained is John C. Clancy, whose name has been on the House rolls for many years. He is known as a speaker's employee, and looks after the comfort of republican members while they are on the floor. Clancy is a living encyclopedia concerning the things that have been done in the House as far back as the civil war. He is the person of longest service on the House staff by many years. In proportion to the work done, the employees of the Senate and House are the best paid individuals in the government service. They receive relatively higher salaries than other government clerks, and during the vacations of Congress, for the most part, have little to do. Many of them often get nearly half the year off, and every one of them is given a full month's extra salary every year. This annual present amounts to various sums from \$50 to \$400, according to the salary of the individual. In addition to this, some of them get extra pay for special services. The annual extra pay for the House employees costs Uncle Sam \$300,000. Extra services cost him about \$10,000 a year.

Sometimes clerks are sent out with funeral parties or on other special missions, and as a rule they turn in reasonable accounts, at other times these accounts are most surprising. In a great many instances on such occasions the expenses of the employee are greater than those of the member of the House with whom he is traveling.

In addition to the approximately \$600,000 required for the payment of the salaries and wages of the House staff of employees, it requires as much more to pay the clerk hire of the members of the House. There are other expenses which bring the total to approximately \$1,000,000. Add to this the salaries of the special services. The annual cost exclusive of overhead charges of the House end of the annual legislative product is not far from \$2,000,000.

Tomorrow—MEETING OF CONGRESS. V.—PROCESS OF LEGISLATION.

HOPE OF TEACHERS

Anxious for Early Passage of Smith Retirement Bill.

WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE

No Objection Raised to That Provision of the Bill.

REPORTED AT LAST SESSION

Now on House Calendar, and May Be Called for Action Any District Day.

It is the expressed hope of the teachers of the public schools of the District of Columbia that when the first District day on the calendar of the House of Representatives is reached—Monday, December 12 is the day—Representative Samuel W. Smith of Michigan, chairman of the House District committee, will call up the bill introduced by him and providing for a school teachers' retirement fund. The measure was considered by the District committee at the last session of Congress, and was reported with amendments. It is now on the calendar of the House, and may be called up for consideration any District day.

Willing to Do Share.

In common with most existing pension laws for teachers, the bill provides for a contributory scheme—that is, a certain amount is automatically deducted from the salary of each teacher, the total being used to defray the cost of paying pensions to the retired and superannuated. Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Maryland have pension laws which do not require the contributions of teachers as an essential part of their operation. But the teachers in the Washington public schools will be well satisfied to contribute generously to the retirement fund, just so long as some sort of pension scheme is put into effect at the earliest possible opportunity.

For years very low salaries were paid to school teachers in the National Capital, and consequently the teachers could not make proper provision for their old age. Even under the improved conditions resulting from the investigation conducted by Representative Morrill of Pennsylvania some years ago and the ensuing enactment of additional legislation on the subject, including the provision for the automatic increase of salaries, many teachers who have spent their lives in the service are unable, owing to the delay due to impaired health and consequent expense for the payment of substitutes, to make adequate provision for the time when they will be unable longer to continue to teach.

Smith Bill Provisions.

The Smith bill provides for the creation of a public school teachers' retirement fund, to consist of two funds, the permanent fund and the annuity. The permanent fund, it is provided, shall consist of all money received from gifts, legacies, donations and bequests to the teachers' retirement fund. It is specifically provided that after the permanent fund shall have reached \$100,000 all money in excess of that sum is to be placed in the annuity fund. The annuity fund, it is provided, is to consist of the interest of the permanent fund, 1½ per cent of the annual appropriations for salaries of teachers of the District, and balance to the credit of appropriation for teachers' salaries at the end of each fiscal year and a per cent of the sum of the teachers to be deducted on the pay rolls.

DIED.

BROWN. On Wednesday, November 30, 1910, departed this life, 2:15 a.m., at his residence, 1801 10th street southwest, WILLIAM H. BROWN, (nee Lambert). He is the loving father of Mrs. C. B. Brown, wife of W. H. Brown, Jr., and Daniel L. Brown. Funeral services will be held at Providence Church, 6 street between 4th and 5th streets southwest, Sunday at 1 p.m.

BURKE. On Thursday, December 1, 1910, at his residence, 1724 20th street, Maj. Gen. EUGENE A. BURKE. Services will be held on Monday afternoon, December 5, and the remains will be conveyed to the Soldiers' Home, where they will be interred with military honors. Friends will kindly omit flowers. (New York papers please copy.)

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JORDAN. On Friday, December 2, 1910, at 8:30 p.m., CONRAD, husband of the late Gertrude Jordan, aged eighty years and six months. Funeral from his late residence, No. 635 S street northwest, on Monday, December 5, at 8:45 a.m. Requiem mass at St. Mary's Church at 9 a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment at St. Mary's cemetery.

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SAWYER. On Friday, December 2, 1910, at 8:45 a.m., EUNICE B. SAWYER, widow of Frederick B. Sawyer, in the eighty-fifth year of her age. Funeral from the residence, No. 3535 Dumbarton avenue, Monday, December 5, at 10 o'clock a.m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment (private) at Oak Hill (Bristleboro, Vt., papers please copy.)

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In Memoriam. BARNARD. In loving memory of our son and brother, CLARENCE LEE BARNARD, who entered into eternal sleep seven years ago today, December 4, 1903.

Let us turn our tear-dimmed eyes aloft From this world of want and woe; Let us dream of that hallowed meeting place Where the soul shall be parting know.

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